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**SENATE BILL 186 “AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE DRUG THERAPY
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES”**

SENATE BILL 187 “AN ACT CONCERNING COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS”

**HOUSE BILL 5222 “AN ACT CONCERNING PAID SOLICITORS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS
AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TRANSPARENCY”**

**HOUSE BILL 5223 “AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR REGULATED PROFESSIONS TO INCLUDE PHARMACISTS”**

Senator Maroney, Senator Witkos, Representative D’Agostino, Representative Rutigliano and Honorable Members of the General Law Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding several of the bills on your agenda for today’s public hearing.

*SENATE BILL 186 “AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE DRUG THERAPY
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND POLICIES”*

This bill, which would amend collaborative drug therapy statutes to expand the ability for the creation of collaborative drug therapy management policies and agreements between prescribing practitioners and pharmacists, is a work in progress. DCP is fully supportive of the

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concept but is still working with proponents, including the Connecticut Society of Health System Pharmacists, the UConn School of Pharmacy, the Connecticut Pharmacists Association, and Hartford Healthcare on the details. The proponents are also working to ensure all stakeholders provide input before language is finalized, which is essential to the success of this bill. The proposed legislation will require DCP to write regulations and review and approve the agreements. DCP has made it clear to those working on this bill that additional staff resources will be necessary to implement this expanded area of practice.

SENATE BILL 187 “AN ACT CONCERNING COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS”

DCP regulates cottage food operators, those who make food in their homes to sell directly to consumers. Currently, there is an annual gross sales cap of \$25,000 on cottage food operations; this proposal would double the cap. While DCP is not taking a position on this bill, we would strongly recommend the proponents consult the Department of Public health and local health departments, since doubling this cap will increase the amount of food for direct sale to consumers, and the number of entities manufacturing the food, without local health permits.

HOUSE BILL 5222 “AN ACT CONCERNING PAID SOLICITORS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TRANSPARENCY”

Section 1 of this bill, which was drafted by the Office of the Attorney General, would amend the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (SCFA) to address the United States District Court’s final ruling in *Kissel v. Seagull* last month. The court ruled that the following SCFA requirements violated the First Amendment: that paid solicitors submit transcripts of their planned solicitations to DCP 20-days before launching; that paid solicitors provide DCP with copies of campaign solicitation literature, and the text of any solicitation to be made orally; that paid solicitors disclose the percentage of the gross revenue which the charitable organization shall receive; and that paid solicitors disclose the names and addresses of donors. The court ordered DCP to cease enforcement of these provisions. This proposed language will update the

SCFA bringing it into compliance with the ruling and DCP respectfully requests this Committee's support of this language.

HOUSE BILL 5223 "AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR REGULATED PROFESSIONS TO INCLUDE PHARMACISTS"

This proposal would add licensed pharmacists to the professional assistance program for regulated professions under Department of Public Health Statutes. While DCP supports including licensed pharmacists in this important program, we have concerns about how this bill is drafted, including the method by which the provider of this program would be paid for the provision of services.

DCP would prefer that pharmacy statutes be amended to add to the professional assistance program language, so that licensed pharmacists' inclusion in this program won't be overlooked. Additionally, the funding mechanism for the program, in lines 427 through 432, should be amended so that the revenue directed for this program is from a portion of licensing fees, and a professional assistance account is established at DCP.